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**SAVE THE DATE!**

PFMC 2018 Board Meeting and Convention  
**April 18-21, 2018**  
Pittsburgh Marriott North – Cranberry Twp., PA

Mission Accomplished! My visit to each PFMC District Conference during October was nothing short of delightful and a special opportunity for me to attend each meeting. Many thanks to our PFMC Districts for the warm hospitality, delicious lunch and wonderful programs. The music was awesome! My sincere thanks to PFMC District Chairs for all you do and “hats off” to Harmonia Music Association for having the highest number of club members in attendance for any of the 2017 District Conferences.

I trust American Music Month was a focus of November meetings. Remember to complete the report form ([pfmc-music.org](http://pfmc-music.org)) for Parade of American Music and share details of November Senior/Junior Club meetings. American Music should be celebrated year-round!

Reminder: PFMC Board of Directors and PFMC Senior Clubs received a summary sheet of the new PFMC 2018 Festivals Competition. We are asking for donations to help cover awards for the competition. Senior Clubs, Board Members and PFMC Senior/Junior Club individual members willing to donate should complete the PFMC Festivals Competition Donation Form found inside this PFMC News Sheet Fall Edition. The chart of award amounts will be publicized in January 2018.

Try to encourage participation in the National Music Week Essay Contest. PFMC has not had entries for the past few years. The contest is open to students grades 7-12 and entrants are not required to be Federated to participate. The essay is based on the 2018 NMW theme, “Music...The Universal Language”. The rules and application form can be found on the PFMC website: [pfmc-music.org](http://pfmc-music.org). Deadline is Jan 10, 2018.

Our dear friend and PFMC Past President, Jeanne Marie Donley has been moved to a nursing facility. The new address: Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603. Please remember Jeanne Marie with a card this Holiday Season.

I leave you with a few thoughts from my October message: Remember the word **TRUTH** and how it directs our response to PFMC. Truth **Asks** our response when called on to volunteer: Truth **Requires** our response when we mentor volunteers who will serve PFMC and when we fulfill our responsibility to promote PFMC to club members and others: Truth can even **Demand** our response if we support the value of music in the home, community, nation and the world. These goals are best achieved through the efforts of an organization – PFMC – rather than individual clubs.

Remember: The future of PFMC is being shaped by the decisions we make today.  
Let’s make our response to this **TRUTH** a collective effort!

I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was a delightful time with family and friends.  
I am very thankful for each of you and your contributions to PFMC.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Linda Maurhoff*  
*PFMC President*

***Building Our Future by Remembering Our Past***

## PFMC ROSTER UPDATES

PFMC Roster updates will *no longer be published* in the News Sheet. This information will be sent via email to members quarterly by Charlene Hubbard, editor.

Please send any changes in your personal, studio or club information to Charlene Hubbard, [charlenehubbard@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenehubbard@hotmail.com), Linda Maurhoff, [pfmcpres203@hotmail.com](mailto:pfmcpres203@hotmail.com) and Mary Ellen Ulmer at [ulmerme@hotmail.com](mailto:ulmerme@hotmail.com)

## KEYSTONE TRIBUTE NEWS

Keystone Tribute Gifts have been given to the Keystone Tribute Fund.

In memory of **Ray Ocock** member of Sharon Music Club and Organ Professor at Westminster College  
by Mary Ellen Ulmer

In memory of **Stephanie Westerfield**, past NFMC Northeast Region Vice-President by Mary Ellen Ulmer

The Keystone Tribute Fund was established in 2010 and presently is an award of \$500.00. It is supported by gifts of at least \$25 and/or more to honor or memorialize individuals, clubs, organizations and studios. A PFMC Scholarship for a college student studying music education is awarded annually from this fund.  
Pat Walter, Chair

## IN MEMORIAM

### RAYMOND OCOCK



Ray was born in Cumberland, Md. and grew up in Somerset, Pa. attended college at Westminster College for undergraduate music. He received a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He married Geraldine Schlundt with whom he celebrated 51 years of being together.

Ray was a college professor of music for 35 years at Westminster College and a church organist of reputation in many churches. He also was the organist for the Chautauqua Institution and taught on the faculty of the Sessione Senese per la Musica e l'Arte in Siena, Italy for 13 years. In retirement he moved to Massachusetts to be near family and still kept busy doing church organ substitute jobs. His organ playing was inspirational and passionate.

Ray was a member of Sharon Music Club. PFMC awarded him the Keystone Salute, its highest honor. He leaves many memories for many people of great church service events and will be sadly missed by family and many worshipers as well as students of his. He will be remembered for his innovative inserts to pieces during recitals and his distinctive "Gildersleeve" laugh and his passion for baking bread.

## SPRING CONVENTION THOUGHTS

### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ?

Several important matters will be decided at the Spring Convention. Our President, Linda Maurhoff,, [pfmcpres203@hotmail.com](mailto:pfmcpres203@hotmail.com), vice-president, Charlene Hubbard, [charlenehubbard@hotmail.com](mailto:charlenehubbard@hotmail.com) and the rest of the members of the PFMC Board need your opinion. Please consider these changes and have an opinion ready at the Board Meeting or the General Meeting. Contact Linda or Charlene if you have any concerns.

At the PFMC Fall Board Meeting changes to our ByLaws concerning the number and time of our Board Meetings and Conventions was presented and accepted for consideration, discussion and approval at the Spring Convention.

Two changes were presented:

1. The number of Board Meetings each year will be one with a combined Board Meeting and Convention biennially.
2. The meeting will occur in the (spring or fall) of the year.

## NEWS SHEET SUBSCRIPTIONS, RENEWALS, & SPONSORSHIP

It's that time of year again. This issue is the last one. Subscriptions are now due. We hope you enjoyed your issues and are ready for more news about PFMC.

Subscriptions are only \$7. Consider being a sponsor for only \$12. It is well worth it. As you see this issue is filled with special events, information and pictures.

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**

# JUNIOR NEWS

## GLADYS WASHBURN FISHER WINNERS FOR 2017 PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR COMPOSER CONTEST

### CLASS I: Ages 9 and under

First Place:	Alyssa Li	Age 9	Deborah Rodgers West Chester Jr Composers
Second Place:	Rachel Yang	Age 7	Deborah Rodgers
Third Place:	Eric Zhu	Age 8	Ning Zhang
Honorable Mention:	Echo Li	Age 9	Ning Zhang
	Ally Wen	Age 9	Ning Zhang

### CLASS II: Ages 10-12

First Place:	Patrick Tran	Age 11	Deborah Rodgers
Second Place:	Megan Magee	Age 12	Deborah Rodgers
Third Place:	Claire Chen	Age 12	Deborah Rodgers
Honorable Mention:	Belle Zou	Age 12	Deborah Rodgers

### CLASS III: Ages 13-15

First Place:	Rosalind Shui	Age 15	Deborah Rodgers
Second Place:	Fernanda Morales	Age 15	Deborah Rodgers
Third Place:	Lucy Zhang	Age 14	Ning Zhang
Honorable Mention:	Michaela Blackstone	Age 13	Deborah Rodgers

### CLASS IV: Ages 16-18

First Place:	Elaine Li	Age 16	Deborah Rodgers
Second Place:	Sarah Shingle	Age 17	Deborah Rodgers

### BLACKBURN AWARDS

First Place: Elaine Li - \$100.00  
Second Place: Sarah Shingle - \$50.00

### NORTHEAST REGION WINNERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

CLASS I: Rachel Yang  
CLASS II: Patrick Tran  
CLASS III: Rosalind Shui  
CLASS IV: Sarah Shingle

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very proud of all of you!

### WINNERS OF PFMC JUNIOR MUSIC IN POETRY CONTEST

#### CLASS II

First Place:	Milun Jain	Phyllis Chvostal
Second Place:	Elijah Walters	Katherine Hoopes
Third Place:	Siya Jain	Phyllis Chvostal
	Milla Ivanova	Phyllis Chvostal

### MUSICAL THEME ARTWORK

First Place:	Siya Jain	Age 10	Phyllis Chvostal
Second Place:	Imani Quarterman	Age 10	Dr. Jenny Collins
	Brayden Bassett	Age 10	Hope Bassett
	Stephen Bassett	Age 8	Hope Bassett
	Anish Dachevall	Age 7	Deborah Rodgers
	Riana Palm	Age 8	Antonia Botti-Lodovico
	Madison Quarterman	Age 8	Dr. Jenny Collins
	Valerie San Giacomo	Age 11	Ruth Ann Harvey
	Aradhya Sircar	Age 7	Phyllis Chvostal

## CONGRATULATIONS LOIS

Lois Tamplin, NFMC representative to Chautauqua Institution Summer Music Festival since 2002, received a certificate of recognition from NFMC. Mary Ellen Nolletti National Chair of Summer Scholarships presented the award. Each year NFMC and the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Indiana present scholarships to college student musicians studying at Chautauqua Music School's summer program. Scholarship winners performed at a public recital arranged by Ms. Tamplin



## DISTRICT REPORTS

### PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

The 91st Annual Philadelphia District Conference was held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Palmyra United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA with Harmonia Music Association of Lebanon as host club. Linda Flick, Philadelphia District Chair, presided at the business session.

Club reports were given by Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs, Harmonia Music Association (Lebanon), Musical Art Society (Lancaster), and Allentown Music Club. Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President, was the guest speaker. She began by stressing the importance of maintaining a relationship with PFMC. President Maurhoff asked us to consider TRUTH, pure, absolute and constant. This kind of truth ACTS and demands RESPONSE and we need to make our local groups more aware of the fact that we are, individually and collectively, an integral part of the State organization.

Linda Maurhoff announced that the first State Junior Competition will be held in Stroudsburg, PA on April 14, 2018, following the Philadelphia District (South) Festivals on April 7, 2018 in Lancaster, PA. Linda handed out the certificates and awards before the luncheon, which was followed by the afternoon program featuring Juliet Jacques, 2016 winner of the Pennsylvania and NFMC Northeastern Region Wendell Irish Viola Award, and her accompanist, Svetlana Rodionova.

The invitation to the 2018 Philadelphia District Conference was given by Musical Art Society of Lancaster. The Conference closed with the singing of "Pennsylvania."  
Linda Flick, PFMC Philadelphia District Chair

## SENIOR CLUBS

### ALLENTOWN MUSIC CLUB



Left to right: Lucille Stephens, past president, Martha Rambo, Jane Knotek, artist member and club accompanist, And Sana Peters, past president

Martha Rambo of the Allentown Music Club celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday surrounded by family, friends, and members of the club. She served as president of the club 1967-1969. In 1952 she founded the Young Musicians of the Allentown Music club, and in 1978 she produced the Keith Jarrett concert which endowed the Past President's Memorial Scholarship. A coloratura soprano, she studied voice in New York City with Estelle Liebling.

### HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Harmonia Music Association opened our year hosting the Philadelphia District of PFMC. Eighteen members and honored guest ,Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President, were present. An informative meeting and delicious luncheon were followed by an early afternoon concert, which was opened to the public. The guest musicians were: Juliet Jacques, the 2016 State and Northeast winner of the Wendell Irish Viola Award and her accompanist, Svetlana Rodionova. . It was an exciting experience for Harmonia to welcome these artists and their performance made a memorable afternoon.

Our Parade of American Music Celebration took place early in November. Stoneridge Retirement Community, Myerstown, opened their beautiful auditorium for our concert. Tom and Greg Strohman, a local father-son team, presented an hour of music by George Gershwin, Dave Brubeck, Henry Mancini, and Duke Ellington.

They also performed original selections in the jazz style and displayed their virtuosity on flute, saxophone, trombone and piano. A great time was had by all, performer sand attendees!  
Katherine Hoopes, President

## MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

The PFMC Fall Board meeting was held on September 15-16, 2017 in Duncansville, PA. Musical Art Society members who attended were Linda Flick and Kathy Skewis. The Musical Art Society Achievement Record Book was taken and submitted for judging but did not receive an award this year. The Philadelphia District Conference was held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Palmyra United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA with Harmonia Music Association of Lebanon as host club. Musical Art Society members who attended were Linda Flick and Kathy Skewis.

Musical Art Society held its first monthly program on Sunday, November 12, 2017 entitled "Reverie On Strings" featuring club member and musician, John W. Hamilton, and his students on strings. This program was dedicated to NFMC "Crusade For Strings". The December 10, 2017 program is entitled "Joy Of Music" featuring students of the Workshop For Young Performing Artists. The March, April and May programs will be announced in the February 15, 2018 issue. All the monthly programs will be held at 3:00 p.m., at the Bachman Center, 633 Community Way, Lancaster.

The Lancaster County Youth Symphony Orchestra Fall concert was Sunday, November 12 at Lancaster Mennonite High School Fine and Performing Arts Center, Lancaster. Linda Flick, Federation Secretary

## OIL CITY SCHUBERT MUSICAL AND LITERARY CLUB

Oil City Schubert Musical and Literary Club opened the 2017-2018 season with a dinner at Calvary United Methodist Church. The evening's program was presented by Daniel Herbener, the club's 2014 scholarship recipient, who performed piano music by Schubert. Daniel, currently a senior at Grove City College and plans to attend graduate school in piano performance. This past summer he attended Brevard Music Center for six weeks.

In November, instead of a regular meeting, club members attended the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert of the Venango Chamber Orchestra and assisted with the reception that followed the concert. Janet T. Loring, Federation Secretary

## COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

### MUSICAL THEME ARTWORK

Do you know students who have artistic talent? Encourage them to create an 8-1/2" x 11" drawing in black and white and mail along with an application to Priscilla Day by March 1, 2018.

The National Music Week Theme which is "Music...The Universal Language" may be used as a point of inspiration or they may use other music ideas.

The winning drawing will be printed on the cover of the Junior Winners Book and the second place winner will be on the back cover. Other entries will be placed throughout the book and certificates will be awarded to each one.

An application can be found on the PFMC website and there is no entry fee. Membership in the Federation of Music Clubs is not required.

Also, this year's Junior Winners Book is still available for \$15. It contains outstanding compositions, poems and drawings. Order now. Priscilla Day, 5033 Melrose Drive, Tobyhanna PA 18466 Email: egday@ptd.net 570-894-1375

### WENDELL IRISH VIOLA AWARD

The Wendell Irish Viola Award, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, is open to young persons ages 12 through 19. Application is by CD and the required music is two pieces in contrasting styles. The national first place award is \$1,000.00, the second place award is \$750.00, and \$250.00 goes to a winner in each of the five NFMC regions

Please pass this information to your Clubs and any string teachers or young violists you might know. I am happy to answer any questions or give more specifics about applying, Katherine Hoopes, Chair [fiddlekat1932@comcast.net](mailto:fiddlekat1932@comcast.net)

## DEPARTMENTS

### CRUSADE FOR STRINGS

I encourage all PA clubs to participate in Crusade For Strings this year by appointing a club Crusade For Strings chair to promote club programs, community programs, and to involve young people in string programs and concerts. Clubs should seek outstanding students and give them information regarding NFMC auditions and awards and have well-qualified string teachers as judges for string entries at all levels in NFMC Festivals and in all other Federation auditions. Clubs should also include string programs involving speakers, workshops, or performers for at least one club program each year. Your club could also participate by supporting a youth string orchestra, full orchestra, or by offering scholarships to string students to attend summer music or string camps.

The purpose of Crusade For Strings is to encourage performance and appreciation of string music among the members of PFMC who, in turn, should introduce Crusade For Strings in their communities. The goal should be to organize performing string ensembles or orchestras in every community in Pennsylvania. All Crusade For Strings reports are to be submitted to me by April 1, 2018. Linda Flick, Chair



## FOUNDER'S DAY

I'm happy to report that 16 clubs sent Founder's Day contributions for the 2016-2017 club year totaling \$458.00; 14 of these were 100%, representing a minimum of \$1.00 per club member. This is great, and I'm confident that the 2017-2018 season will be as good, if not better! My goal is to have each of our clubs participate in this worthwhile project. All contributions are sent on to NFMC by our Treasurer to be used for Young Artist awards program.

This is how your club can participate. First, you should collect a dollar from each of your members (more if they offer!) and send this money to Sherry Reynolds, PFMC Treasurer. Then, even though your programs are set by now, plan to take a few minutes during your meetings to reflect on the founders of your club, the PFMC history, or whatever. Finally, complete Form FI 3-2 and send to me, along with newspaper stories of your programs, etc.

If you have questions, I'm as near as your computer or phone; you can find me in the directory. I look forward too hearing from you.  
Lois Tamplin, Founder's Day Chair

## PARADE OF AMERICAN MUSIC

**CHANGE ALERT:** Schramm Parade of American Music has a new policy for mailing reports. Send Reports of Participation to the Northeast Chairman: Karl Morris, 200 Country Club Dr. SE, Warren OH 44484-4660; 330-392-5690; [jkmorris2@gmail.com](mailto:jkmorris2@gmail.com).

The Contest Entries are to be mailed to Deborah Freeman, 7 Coachman Drive, Taylors, SC 29687; 864-630-0163; [debotfree@gmail.com](mailto:debotfree@gmail.com). The deadline for both is March 1.

Rosemary Brown, State Representative, presented the Proclamation for Parade of American Music Month in the PA House of Representatives. All senior clubs are encouraged to participate in this event by sending either a report of participation or a contest entry.

The new rules and requirements are on the August 2017 application AM 1-1.

Questions can be directed to Priscilla Day, [egday@ptd.net](mailto:egday@ptd.net).

PAM Chair

## SACRED MUSIC

I encourage all PA clubs to participate in Sacred Music this year by appointing a Sacred Music chair to include sacred music in their club programs and activities, giving suggestions for including sacred music selections or including an entire sacred music program during the club year's activities. These suggestions should include hymns which refer to music and song in the text. Each club can appoint a Sacred Music Chair to sponsor programs of sacred music in their club, hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, and in the community.

Each club can support and participate in church music programs and provide scholarships for young people pursuing careers in sacred music. Your club could also organize a choir festival or sponsor programs of sacred music using choirs and ensembles of all ages. Christmas, Easter, weddings and funerals are excellent opportunities to offer programs of sacred music in churches and in the community. Your club could also invite a guest artist to perform a program of sacred music at a club program or in the community.

All Sacred Music reports are to be submitted to me by April 15, 2018.

Linda Flick, Chair

## SENIOR CLUB RATING AND EVALUATION

I encourage all PA clubs to participate in the Senior Club Rating and Evaluation report this year by appointing a club Rating and Evaluation Chair who would keep an accurate record of all the activities of the club and its members throughout the club year. The report can also be completed by the club president, an appointed chair, or a committee. It can be completed at a club meeting as an orientation program to assist members in understanding the full scope of PFMC work. A notebook could be provided at each club meeting to record the volunteer hours given by each club member in their community, church, or any other organizations.

Just a reminder, that if your club has an outstanding program applicable to any of the sections of the Senior Club Rating and Evaluation Sheet, please include a report of that program with the completed sheet. All deserving clubs will be nominated for National Awards.

**\*\*NOTE:** NFMC has created two new forms for two different types of clubs – “Music Appreciation” for senior clubs like the ones listed in the PFMC Directory and “Music Teaching” for clubs with members who are teachers who are in the club only for NFMC Festivals participation.

PLEASE USE THE ME 7-1 FORM for your club report OR use the ME 7-2 FORM if your club is a club with teachers in the club only for NFMC Festivals participation. Your club may have to use both forms, one for the club report and one for the music teaching report if your club is a “Music Appreciation” club with members who are teachers who are in the club only for NFMC Festivals participation.

All Senior Club Rating and Evaluation Sheets are to be submitted to me by June 15, 2018.

Linda Flick, Chair

## JUST A NOTE

Share a card or note with members who have not been able to attend meetings: Jeanne Marie Donley, Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, 17603; Janet and Dick Loring, 406 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oil City, 16301-3040, and others you may know. It means more than you realize. Share the friendship of PFMC.

# 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

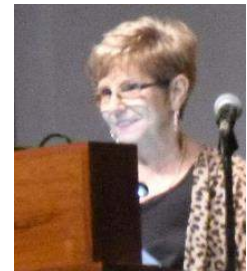
## VENANGO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



John Murko, Conductor, leads the Venango Chamber Orchestra in their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at the Barrow-Civic Theatre in Franklin, November 5, 2017



Venango Chamber Orchestra celebrated its 25th anniversary at its fall concert. Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President, (**left with Nancy Simpson**) presented a Presidential Citation to the orchestra, complimenting the ensemble on playing so much music by American composers, especially in November-- American Music Month. Linda Wrhen, (**right**), President of Oil City Schubert Musical and Literary Club, accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the club for its support of the orchestra. The eight charter members wore small corsages and were introduced to the audience.



A reception was held following the concert in the lobby for the audience and orchestra members. Schubert Club members assisted with the reception.

Left: (**left to right**) Nancy Simpson, concertmistress, Lois Tamplin, past PFMC President, Janet Loring, Principal Chair Cello and past PFMC President and Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President at the reception.

Dinner for orchestra members and their guests followed. Among the attendees were (**pictured at right**): (**from left to right**) Mary Ellen Ulmer, Past PFMC President, Lois Tamplin, Past PFMC President and Linda Maurhoff, PFMC President.



Janet Loring,  
Charter Member

Charter members received certificates of appreciation and other special gifts. Nancy Simpson, board president and concertmistress, and John G. Murcko, conductor since 1996, were also presented with gifts.



John Murko,  
Conductor



Nancy Simpson  
Charter Member

The spring concert is scheduled for April 8, 2018 at the Barrow-Civic Theatre in Franklin.

Janet T. Loring, Charter Member

Pictures by Mary Ellen Ulmer

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